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- On 15 August 1952 at a Chinese Communist-North Korean joint operations meeting, North Korean Army General Headquarters representatives asserted that a series of attacks limited in nature must be mounted against strategic United Nations positions across the entire front. The Chinese Communist officers were at first reluctant to agree to the increased action but finally consented to mount probing attacks.
- The North Koreans argued that tactical probes at various points on the battlefront would serve as a show of strength, which would make the United Nations command realize that the Chinese Communist-North Korean forces are powerful enough to launch offensive action even when subjected to mass round-the-clock air attacks, and would also keep the enemy guessing.
- 3. The Chinese Communists initially objected that effective offensive action on their part would necessitate the commitment of air power south of P'yongyang. The Chinese Communists further argued that their artillery support had already extended the battlefront action, but they finally agreed to mount company and battalion attacks against strategic United Nations positions.

Comment. This information was acquired in the field on 18 25X1 September, after the Communists had started their probing attacks.

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